

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Bailey et al.

Application Serial No. 10/820,972

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STARCH BINDER COMPOSITIONS,  
METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME AND  
PRODUCTS FORMED THEREFROM

Docket No. 030621/MIL.0005.US00

**AMENDMENT**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312  
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Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the final Office Action mailed January 21, 2009 ("Office Action") in connection with the above-captioned patent application ("Subject Application"). Filed concurrently herewith are (1) a Notice of Appeal, (2) a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (form PTO/SB/33), (3) Arguments and Remarks for Pre-appeal Brief Conference, and (4) the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

Applicant submits this after-final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(3) – presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment prior to consideration of the Arguments and Remarks for Pre-appeal Brief Conference.

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Remarks begin on page 7.